

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/985,734 Confirmation No. 4287  
Applicant : Catherine A. HAALA  
Filed : November 6, 2001  
Title : NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD SYSTEM AND  
BIOMETRIC IDENTITY VERIFICATION METHOD FOR  
NEGOTIATING TRANSACTIONS  
TC/A.U. : 2136  
Examiner : Ronald BAUM  
Atty. Docket No. : US 1295/01  
Date : December 17, 2004

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR**  
**§1.313 (c) (2)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**Attn: Office of Petitions**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of the above-identified application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2) because of filing an RCE with an Information Disclosure Statement.

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### **PATENT ISSUE FEE**

The issue fee for the present application was paid on October 22, 2004. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests expedited processing of this Petition.

### **FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Request Transmittal for the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

### **FILING OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Accompanying the Request for Continued Examination attached hereto is an Information Disclosure Statement.

### **PETITION FEES (37 CFR 1.17(h))**

A check in the amount of \$525.00, which includes the Petition fee of \$130.00 and the Request for Continued Examination filing fee of \$395.00. This amount is believed to be correct. However, any deficiency or credit for any overpayment may be made to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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